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SUBJECT: CHILEAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION'S STATUS AFTER COUP

REF: (A) STATE 186005; (B) NEW DELHI 10841 (NOTAL)

1. DURING SOCIAL FUNCTION SEPTEMBER 25, CHILEAN THIRD SECRETARY SAID IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT CHILEAN JUNTA HAD JUST REQUESTED AND RECEIVED RESIGNATION OF AMBASSADOR AUGUSTO MARAMBIO, VETERAN OF 36 YEARS' SERVICE AND FORMER ENVOY TO JAPAN. SHE DESCRIBED MARAMBIO AS "ONE HUNDRED PERCENT" CAREER OFFICER, COMPLETELY APOLITICAL BUT ONLY "LUKEWARM" TOWARD ALLENDE GOVERNMENT. HE HAS ASKED SANTIAGO FRIENDS WHY RESIGNATION DEMANDED AND WHETHER REINSTATEMENT POSSIBLE. CHILEAN LT. GENERAL LUIS TASSARA, CHIEF MILITARY OBSERVER FOR UN MILITARY GROUP ON CEASEFIRE LINE IN KASHMIR, WILL REPORTEDLY REMAIN IN SRINAGAR.

2. FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER'S EMOTIONAL REFERENCES TO CHILE AND INSINUATION ABOUT OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT IN COUP (REF B), AMBASSADOR MARAMBIO TWICE TRIED TO CALL AT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY TO PRESENT JUNTA'S POSITION. MINISTRY OFFICIAL WAS "TOO BUSY" TO SEE HIM. CHILEAN EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY, JUDGING FROM FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENTS, WOULD PREFER TO FOLLOW DIPLOMATIC NORMS AND RECOGNIZE NEW REGIME
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ONCE IT CONVINCED JUNTA IN DE FACTO CONTROL OF COUNTRY.

CONTRAILY, PRIME MINISTER'S PUBLIC SYMPATHY FOR ALLENDE,
REITERATED IN RECENT PERSONAL LETTER TO HIS WIDOW, AND HER
PROBABLE DESIRE TO COORDINATE RECOGNITION STANCE WITH THAT OF
OTHER MAJOR NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, INDICATE THAT GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA MAY WELL DELAY RECOGNITION OF JUNTA AND MIGHT EVEN
BREAK RELATIONS. IN PROBABLE EVENT THAT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TAKES NO DECISION WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS, AMBASSADOR MARAMBIO
WILL PACK FOR HOME.
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